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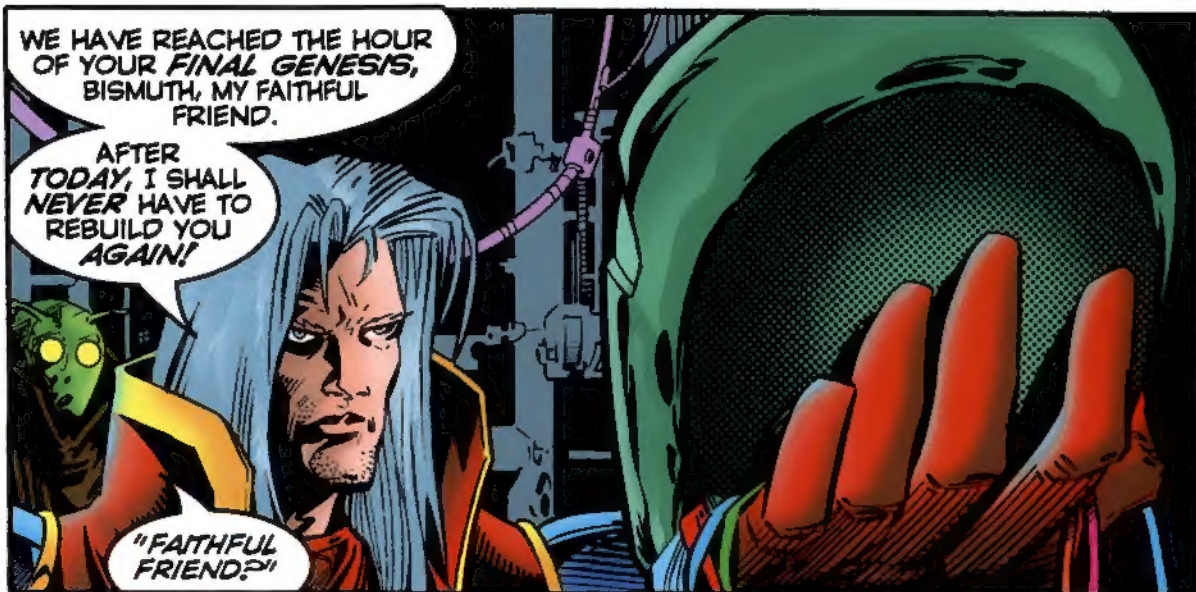
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SHOWDOWN WITH THE
SINISTER SOCIETY!



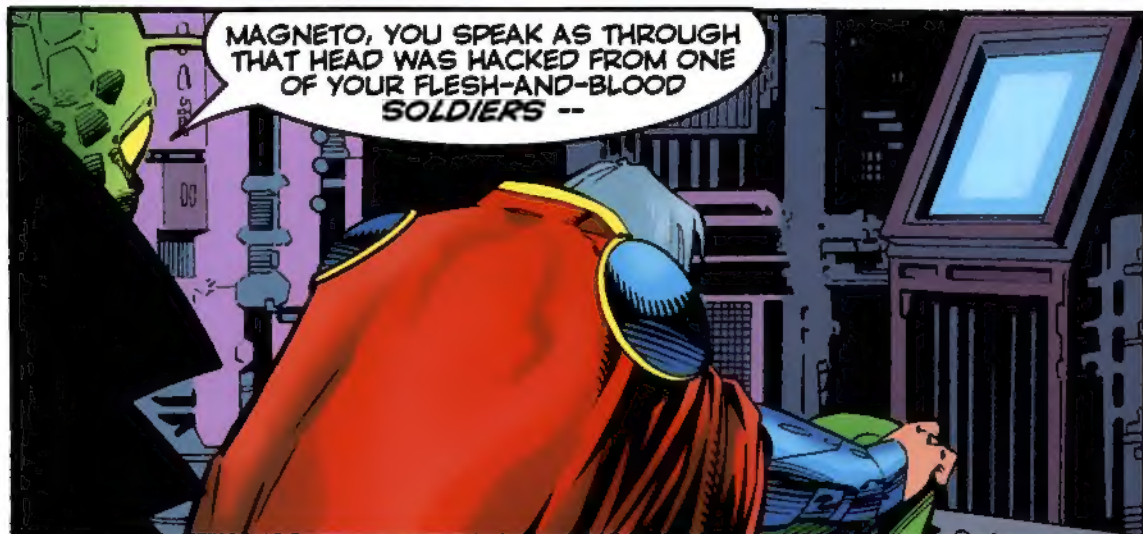
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END!



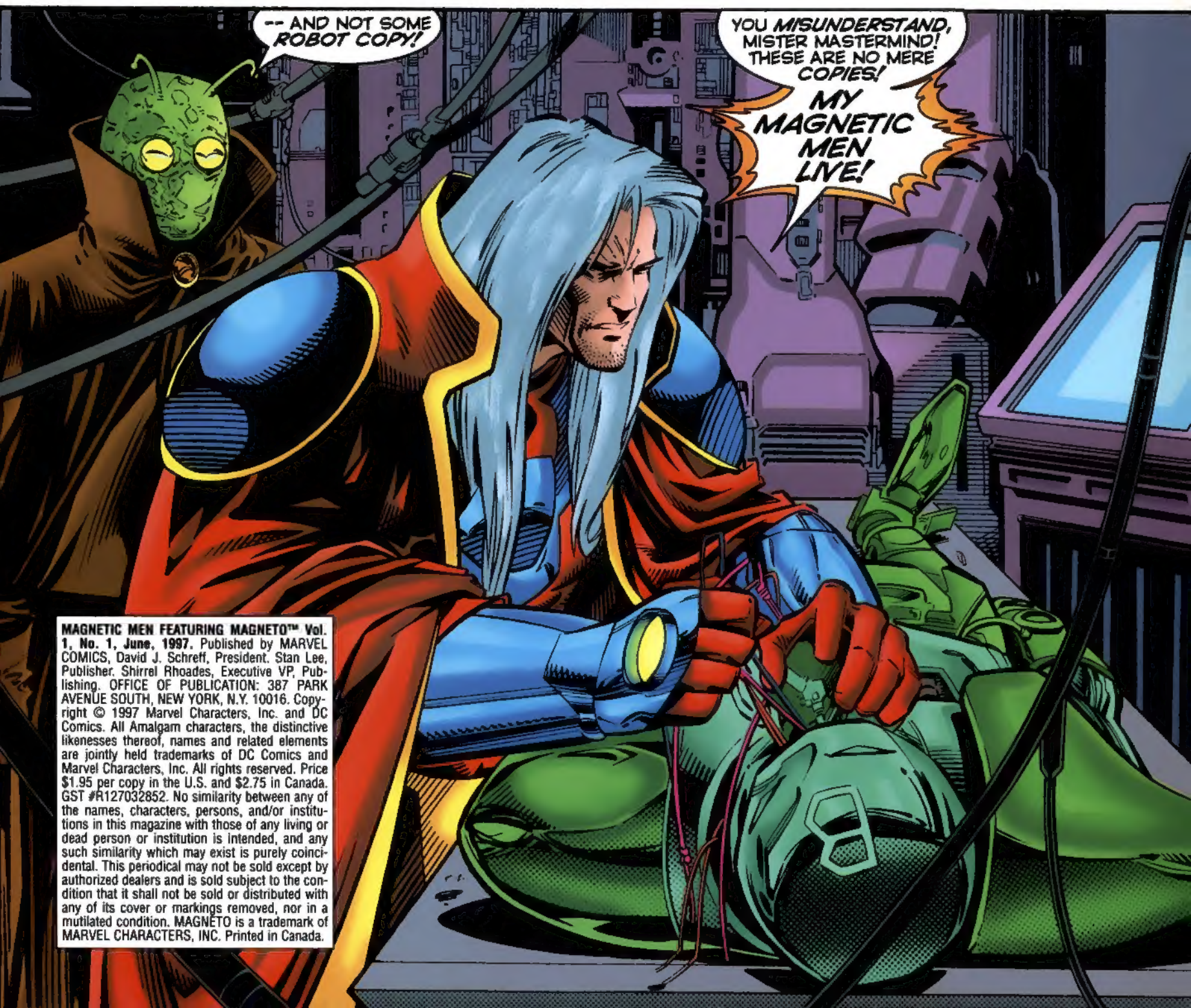
WE HAVE REACHED THE HOUR
OF YOUR FINAL GENESIS,
BISMUTH, MY FAITHFUL
FRIEND.

AFTER
TODAY, I SHALL
NEVER HAVE TO
REBUILD YOU
AGAIN!

"FAITHFUL
FRIEND?"



MAGNETO, YOU SPEAK AS THROUGH
THAT HEAD WAS HACKED FROM ONE
OF YOUR FLESH-AND-BLOOD
SOLDIERS --



-- AND NOT SOME
ROBOT COPY!

YOU MISUNDERSTAND,
MISTER MASTERMIND!
THESE ARE NO MERE
COPIES!

MY
MAGNETIC
MEN
LIVE!

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NO. THAT'S **WRONG**. THEY **DID** LIVE. THEY FOUGHT. THEY **BLED**.
THEY DARED EVERY KNOWN MENACE BUT ANYTHING UNTIL THE IMPOSSIBLE MOD SLEW THEM!

*MAGNETIC TALES # 111 -- MARK

OVER TIME, THESE "MACHINES" HAD ACTUALLY BEGUN TO BELIEVE IN MY CAUSE! I COULD FEEL THEIR RIGHTEOUS PASSION!

THEIR MAGNETOMETRIC COMPUTERS HAD SOMEHOW GAINED SENTIENCE. THAT WASN'T MY PLAN, NOR IS IT WITHIN MY POWERS!

BUT, IF ONLY GOD CAN CREATE LIFE --

-- THEN PRAY HE GRANTS HIS SERVANT THE STRENGTH TO RESTORE IT!

BORN AGAIN!

...WONDERFUL!

I FEEL AN EXCEPTIONAL STATE OF WELL-BEING AS WELL!

COBALT.

NICKEL.

IRON.

DON'T LOOK NOW, GANG -- BUT I THINK WE'VE BEEN **UPGRADED** AGAIN.

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. WE MUST HAVE BEEN **DESTROYED**.

THINK **BACK**. WEREN'T WE JUST BATTLING THE IMPOSSIBLE MOD?

ANTIMONY.

YOU'RE R-R-RIGHT -- B-BUT IF WE STILL EXIST, THEN OUR M-MASTER M-MUST HAVE BUH-BUH-BEATEN HIM!

BISMUTH.

KRAKKL

AHHHRR! THEIR MAGNETOMETERS ARE SLOW TO RESPOND TO MY POWER!

THEY --
-- NEED --
-- MORE!

BUT, SIR! YOU MUSTN'T EXHAUST YOURSELF --!

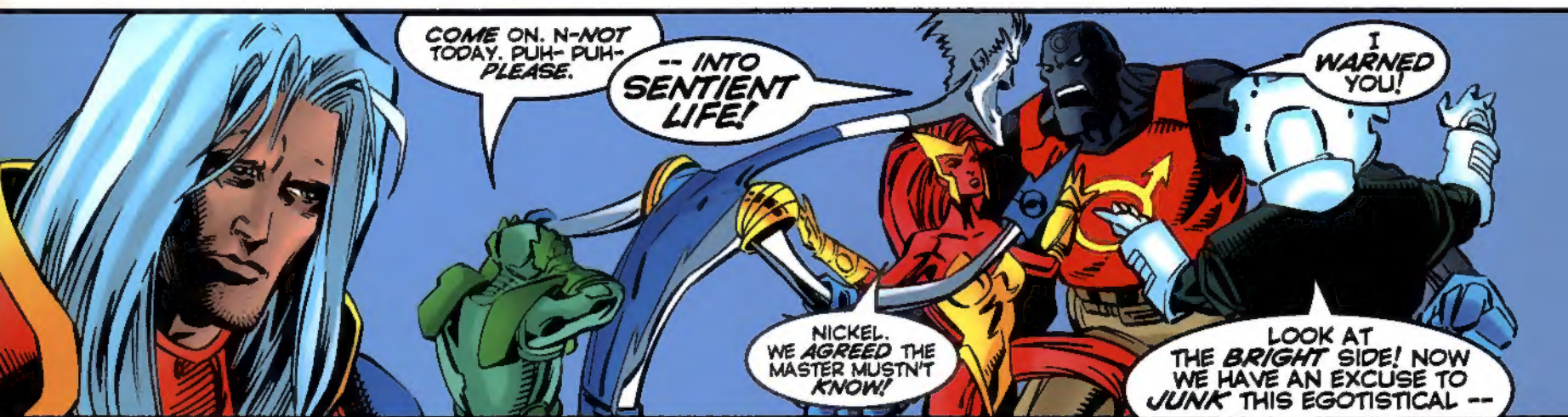
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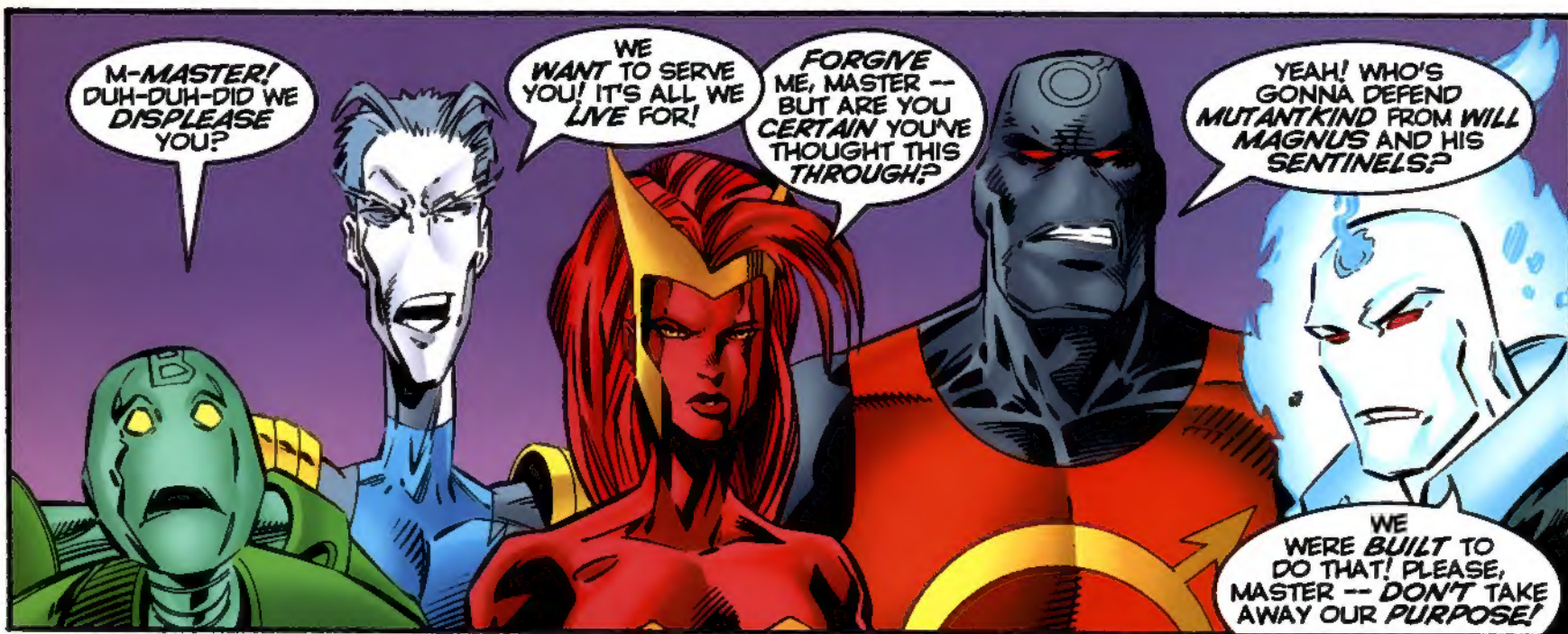
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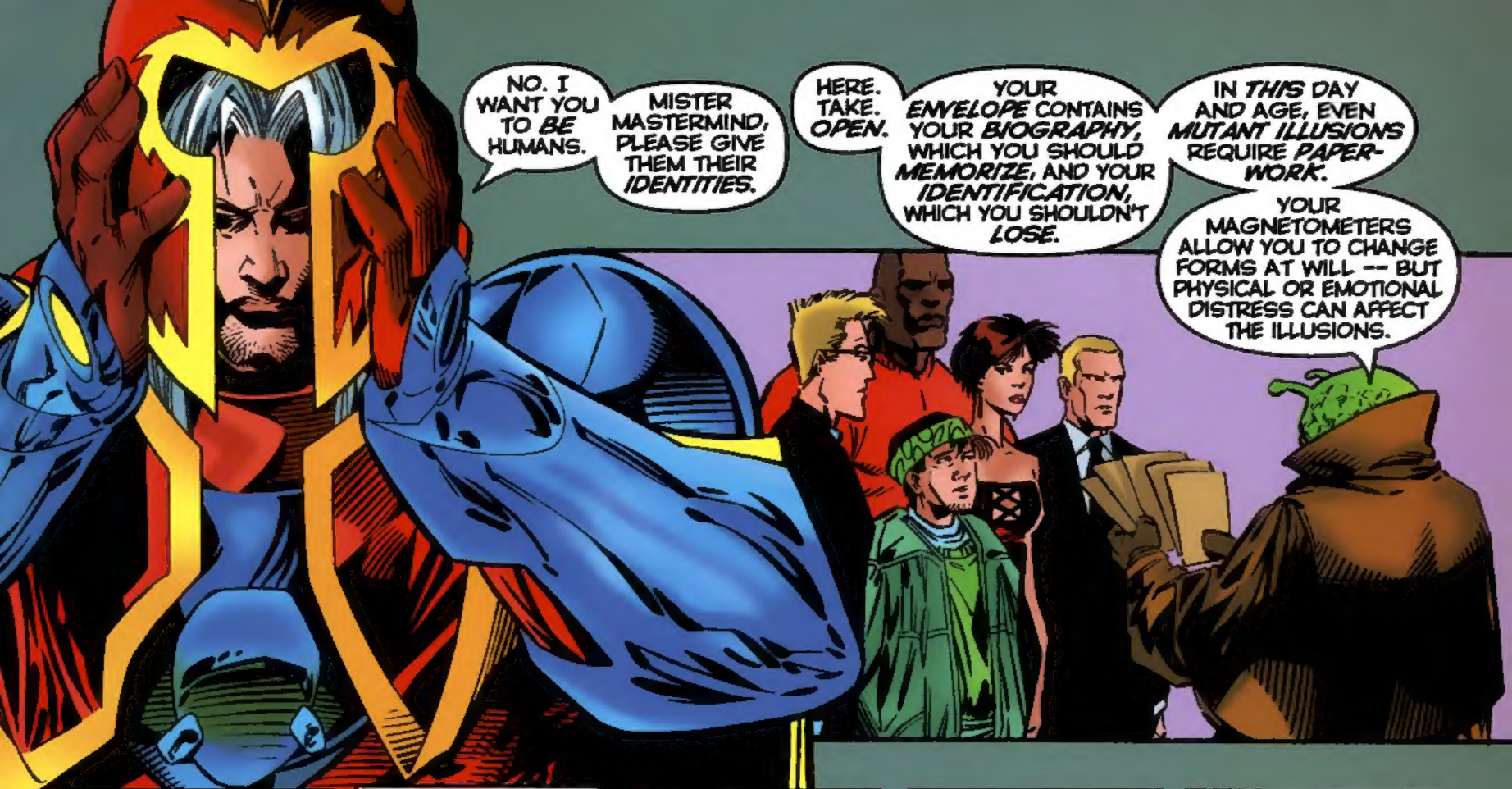
I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR THESE MEN!

M-MASTER --P-I FEEL DIFFERENT... STRANGE...

TOM PEYER WRITER BARRY KITSON PENCILER DAN PANOSIAN INKER MATT WEBB COLORIST DIGITAL CHAMELEON SEPARATIONS COMICRAFT/KFSEM LETTERS MARK BERNARDO EDITOR







NO. I WANT YOU TO BE HUMANS.

MISTER MASTERMIND, PLEASE GIVE THEM THEIR IDENTITIES.

HERE. TAKE. OPEN.

YOUR ENVELOPE CONTAINS YOUR BIOGRAPHY, WHICH YOU SHOULD MEMORIZE, AND YOUR IDENTIFICATION, WHICH YOU SHOULDN'T LOSE.

IN THIS DAY AND AGE, EVEN MUTANT ILLUSIONS REQUIRE PAPER-WORK.

YOUR MAGNETOMETERS ALLOW YOU TO CHANGE FORMS AT WILL -- BUT PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS CAN AFFECT THE ILLUSIONS.

SO WHO AM I TO BE?

LANCE VALE? "FINE ARTS PHOTOGRAPHER"?

PRETENTIOUS.

S-SNAPPER JONES, STREET MUSICIAN.

TH-THAT'S HOW YOU SEE M-MEP AS A M-MUSICIAN?

H-Huh.

DEBBI WALKER -- "SUPERMODEL."

WHAT'S A SUPERMODEL? AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGHT EVIL MODELS OR SOMETHING?

JOHN HENRY STEELE, CONSTRUCTION WORKER.

HMMPH. GUESS ONE OF US HAS TO DO REAL WORK... AND, AS USUAL, THAT'D BE ME.

LUCIUS RICHMOND? LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS, MASTER. YOU'RE ASKING ME TO SQUANDER MY LIFE IN THE PURSUIT OF WEALTH?

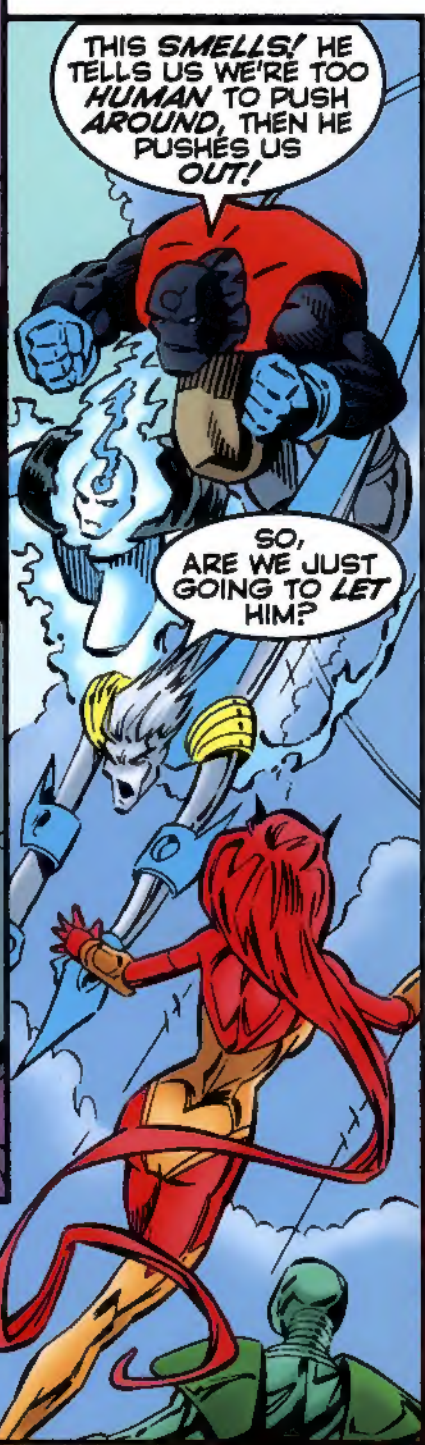
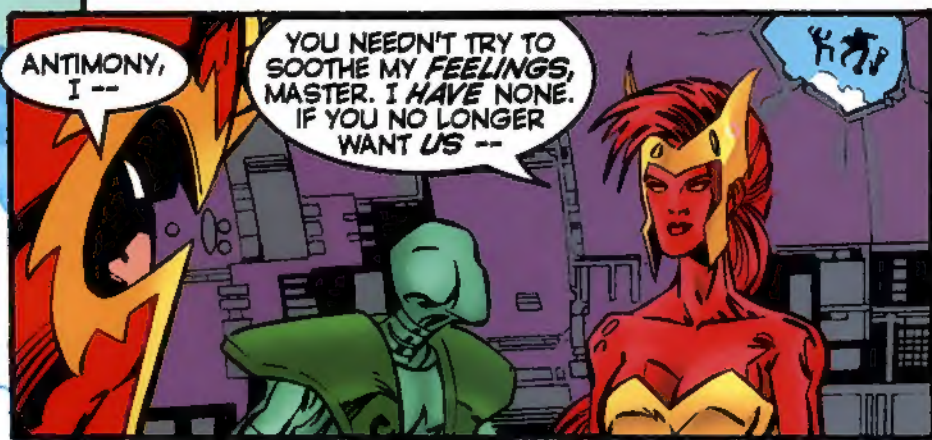
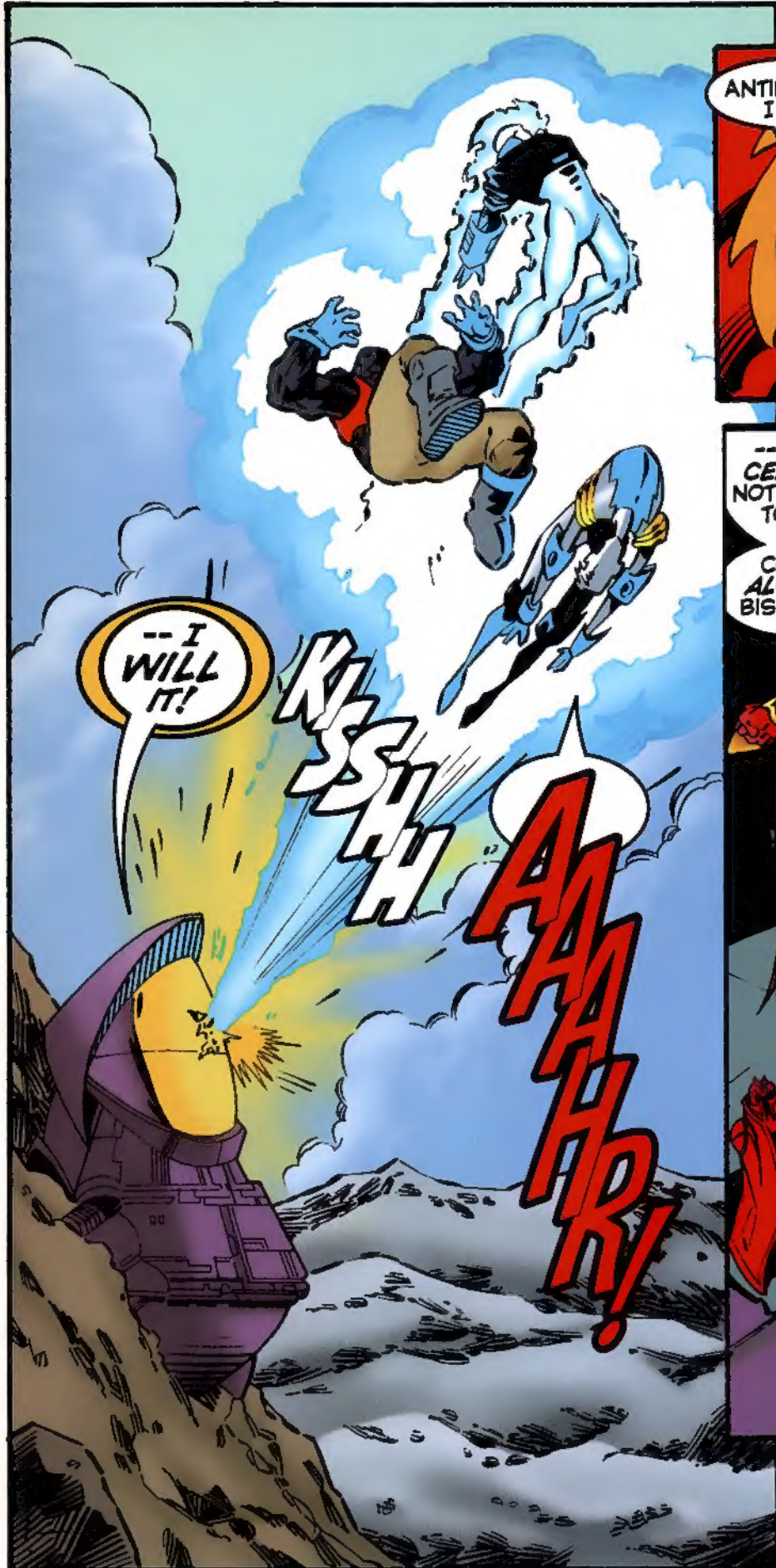
DON'T WORRY, COBALT. WE'LL STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT!

MASTER, I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS IN ADVANCE, BUT --

-- ARE YOU INSANE?

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUST IGNORE THE WARS -- TO WASTE OURSELVES ON THESE NARROW, SELF-INVOLVED LITTLE LIVES?

BECAUSE, NICKEL --





-- MAGNETO
CAN KEEP US AS
FAR AWAY AS HE
CHOOSES!

MAGNETO...
ERIK...

...I
CAN ONLY
IMAGINE
HOW PAINFUL
THAT MUST
HAVE --

I HAVE NO TIME FOR
YOUR PITY, WORM!
DO YOU SEE THIS
INSECTOBOT?
THREE MUTANTS
DIED TO BRING
ME THIS!

IT
IS BUT ONE
OF BILLIONS MY MAD
BROTHER IS PREPARING
TO DEPLOY AS WE SPEAK!

WILL HAS PROGRAMMED THESE
MONSTERS TO DESTROY
EVERYTHING THEY
ENCOUNTER --

-- AND
THEN TO BRING
HIM RECORDINGS
OF THEIR RAMPAGES
BEFORE THEIR BRIEF
LIVES END!

TO
WILL, THIS
BUG IS A TWISTED
ENTERTAINMENT! BUT
TO ME, IT IS A HOMING
DEVICE THAT WILL
LEAD ME TO
HIM!

YOU'RE
GOING TO
FACE HIM IN
HIS LAIR --
ALONE?

I MUST,
WORM --

"-- FOR MAGNETO HAS NO ONE ELSE!"

SEEMS IN ONE RESPECT OUR MASTER HAS CHOSEN WELL. LONDON WILL BE AN EXCITING PLACE TO BEGIN NEW LIVES.

NI-- KYLE, WILL YOU HURRY? I REALLY HATE THIS!

LOOKS LIKE OUR ARTISTIC FRIENDS HAVE ALREADY STARTED THEIRS. HEY, LUSCIOUS --

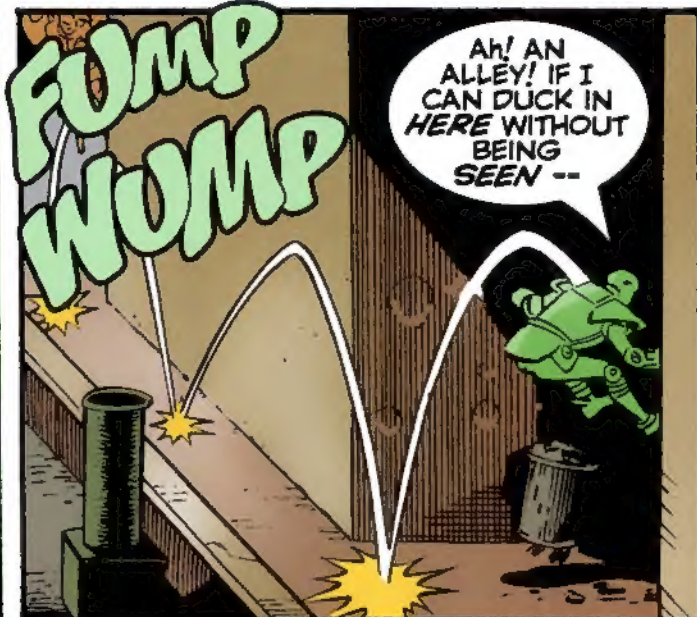
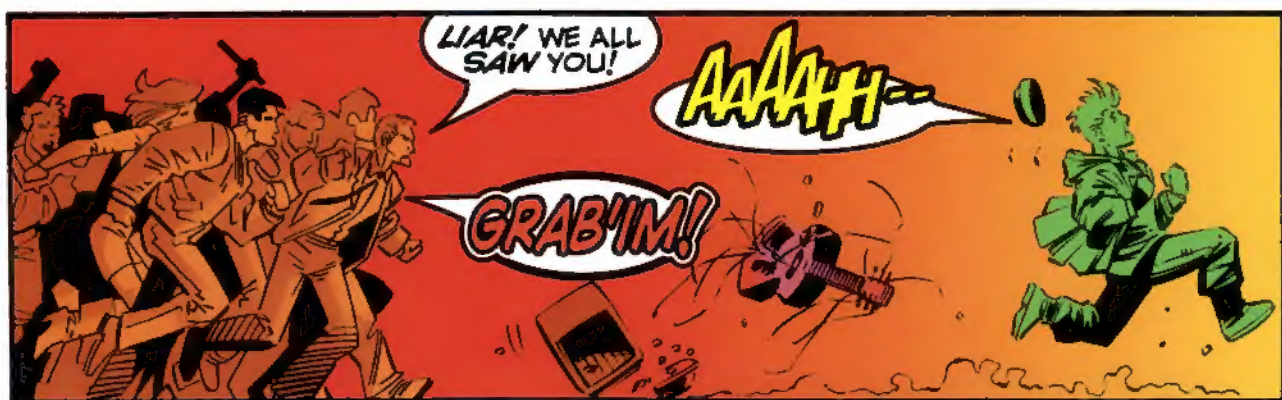
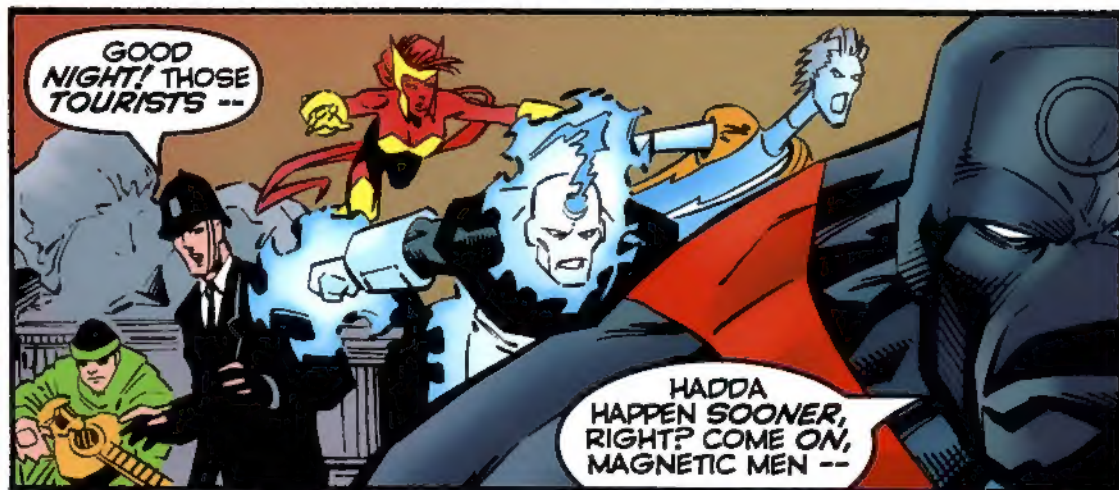
LUCIUS.

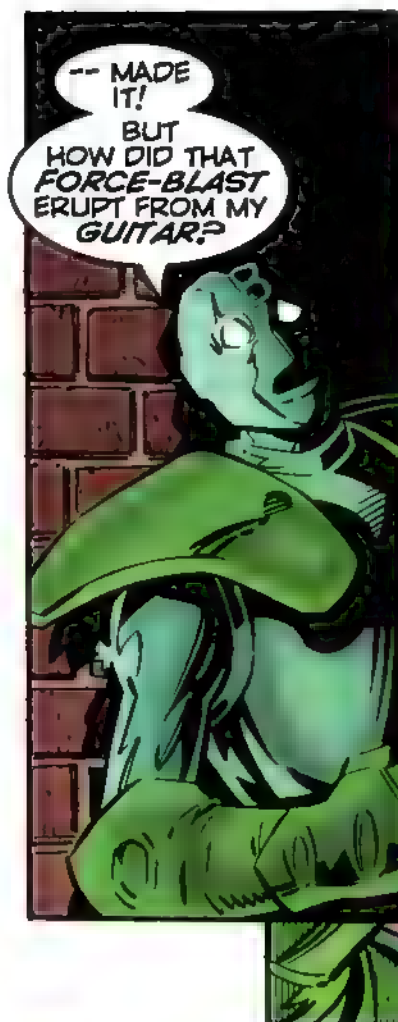
WHATEVER. WHY DON'T YOU GO FINANCE SOMETHING SO I CAN START BUILDING IT?

YEAH, BABY, POUT, POUT, POUT! GIMME MORE, MORE MORE!

AND NOW, AN OLD ONE BY THE ROLLING DOORS!

BABY LOOK INSIDE ME...





--- MADE IT!
BUT HOW DID THAT FORCE-BLAST ERUPT FROM MY GUITAR?

SOUND BLAST, ACTUALLY.

A ROBOT --?

SONIKLAW'S THE NAME -- AND UNLESS YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE BISMUTH BEATS VIBRANIUM, I SUGGEST YOU FALL TO YOUR KNEES!



WE WERE LUCKY. NO LIVES LOST.

EXCEPT OURS, THAT IS.

WHAT'LL THE MASTER SAY WHEN HE LEARNS WE'VE ALREADY SPILLED OUR IDENTITIES?

"GOOD JOB SAVING THOSE PEOPLE," I -- Uh Oh!

AND DOUBLE Uh-Oh! I GUESS THE WEIRDNESS AIN'T OVER!

FASH



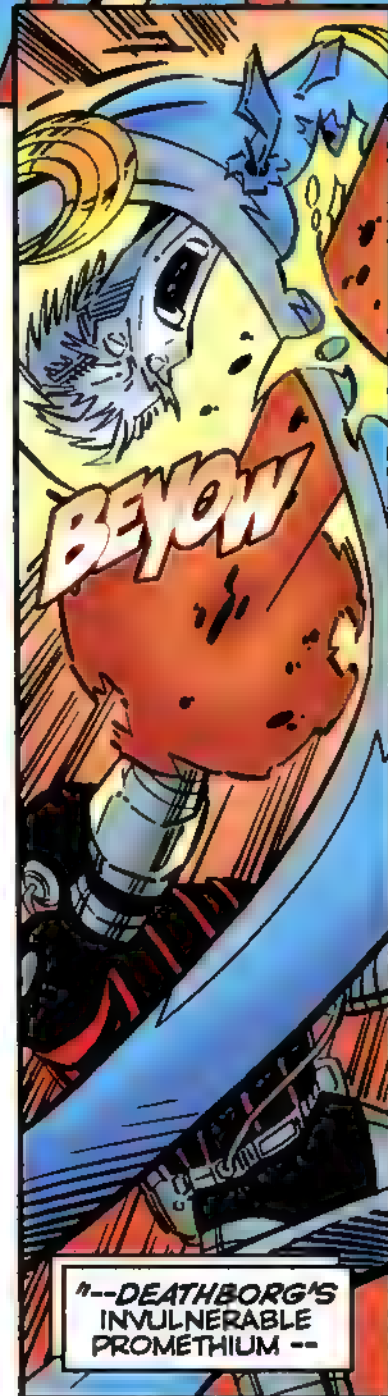
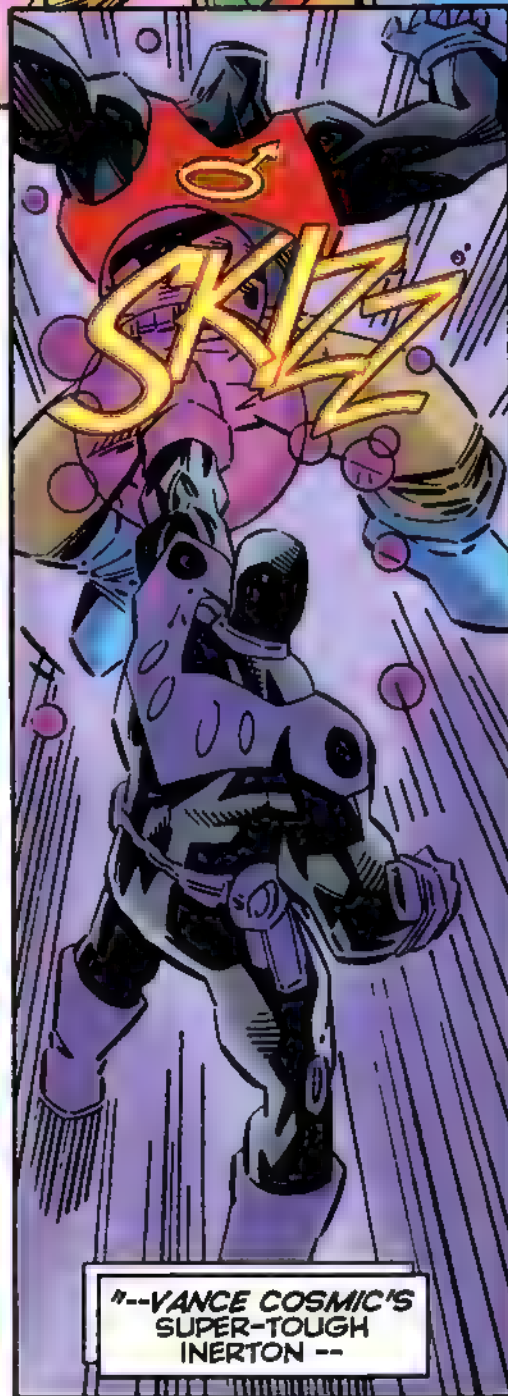
WHAT IS THAT LIGHT?

TELEPORTER?

RIGHT. LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE ARE STEPPING OUT OF --

NO! NOT PEOPLE!

WE ARE -- THE SINISTER SOCIETY!





AT THAT MOMENT,
SOMEWHERE IN
THE PACIFIC...

SO -- THE
LEGENDS ARE
TRUE! MY SEARCH
LEADS ME TO
THIS MYTHIC
PLACE --

GRARR

--KRAKOA,
THE LIVING
DINOSAUR
ISLAND --

-- WHOSE
VERY SOIL
GENERATES
EXTINCT
LIFE!

LEAVE
IT TO MY MAD
BROTHER TO
MAKE HIS HOME IN
THE THICK OF SUCH
UNNECESSARY
DANGER!

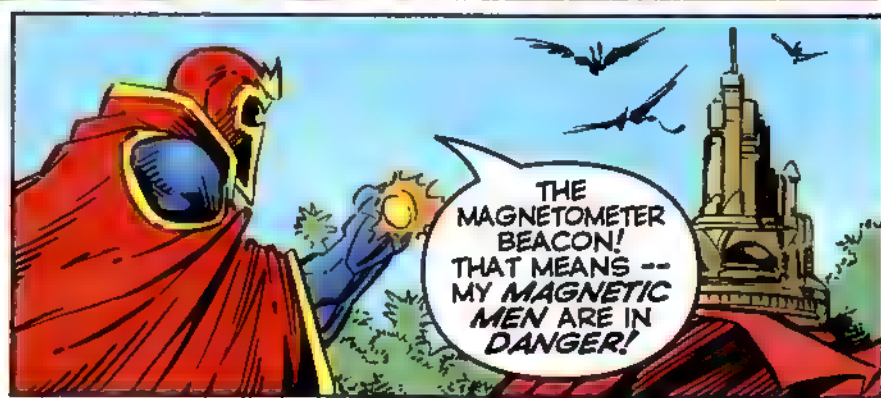




I ONLY
PRAY HE'S NOT
DELUDED ENOUGH
TO BELIEVE IT WILL
SHIELD HIM FROM
ME!

SKRITCH

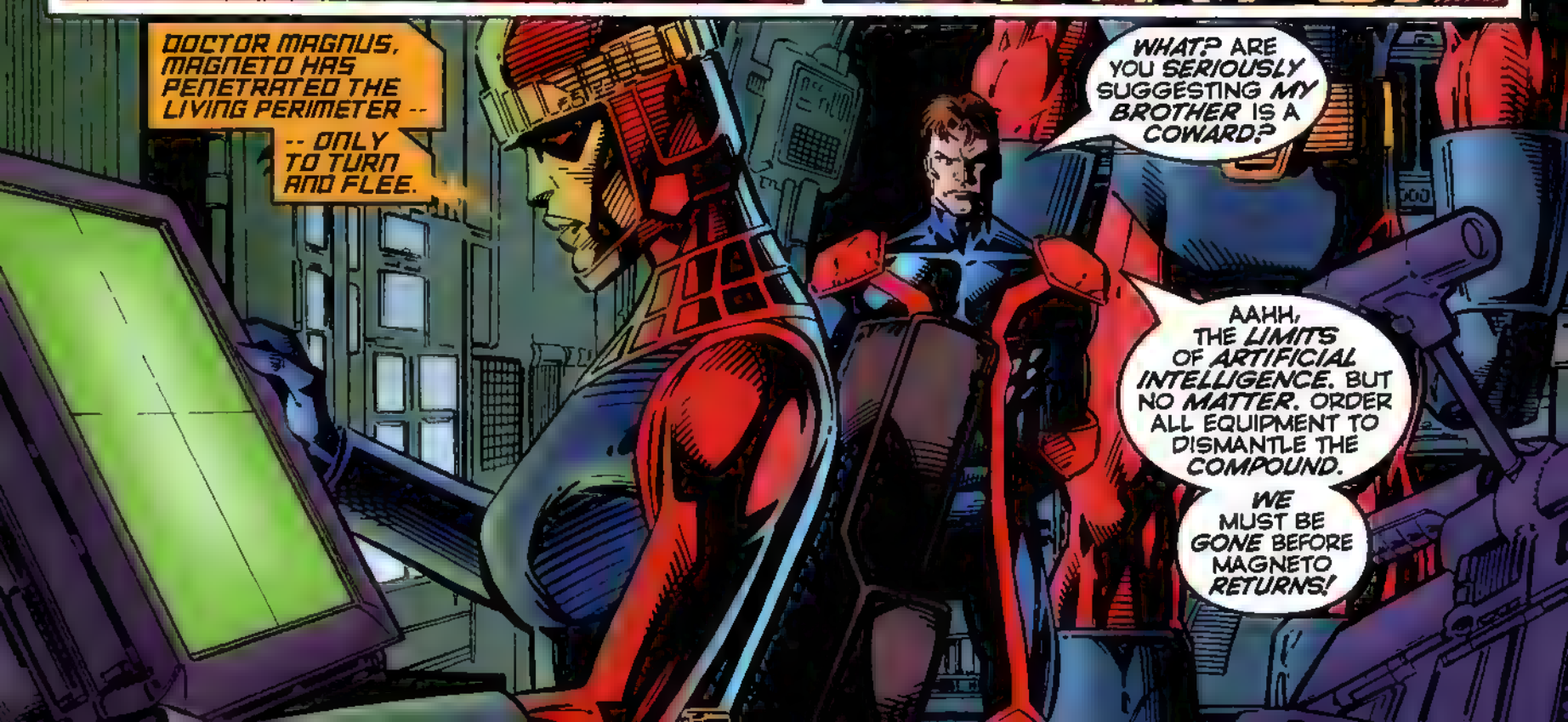
BDEEP
BDEEP



THE
MAGNETOMETER
BEACON!
THAT MEANS --
MY MAGNETIC
MEN ARE IN
DANGER!



NOT
NOW! NOT
WHEN I'M SO
CLOSE!



DOCTOR MAGNUS,
MAGNETO HAS
PENETRATED THE
LIVING PERIMETER --
-- ONLY
TO TURN
AND FLEE.

WHAT? ARE
YOU SERIOUSLY
SUGGESTING MY
BROTHER IS A
COWARD?

AAHH,
THE LIMITS
OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE. BUT
NO MATTER. ORDER
ALL EQUIPMENT TO
DISMANTLE THE
COMPOUND.

WE
MUST BE
GONE BEFORE
MAGNETO
RETURNS!



PINCH ME,
CHEMODAM!

I -- IF
ONLY I COULD,
QUASIMODOX.

I MUST
BE DREAMING! IF
THESE MAGNETOMETERS
YIELD MAGNETO'S SECRETS
OF PERSONALITY
TRANSFER --

-- THIS
COULD BE THE
DAY YOU AND I --
AND THE SINISTER
SOCIETY --
GAIN HUMAN
BODIES!

WE
WILL AT LAST
ABANDON THESE
HIDEOUS VESSELS
WILL MAGNUS
BUILT FOR
US!*

MAGNUS IS
A PRIMITIVE,
QUASIMODOX --
BUT HE DID
GIVE US
LIFE!

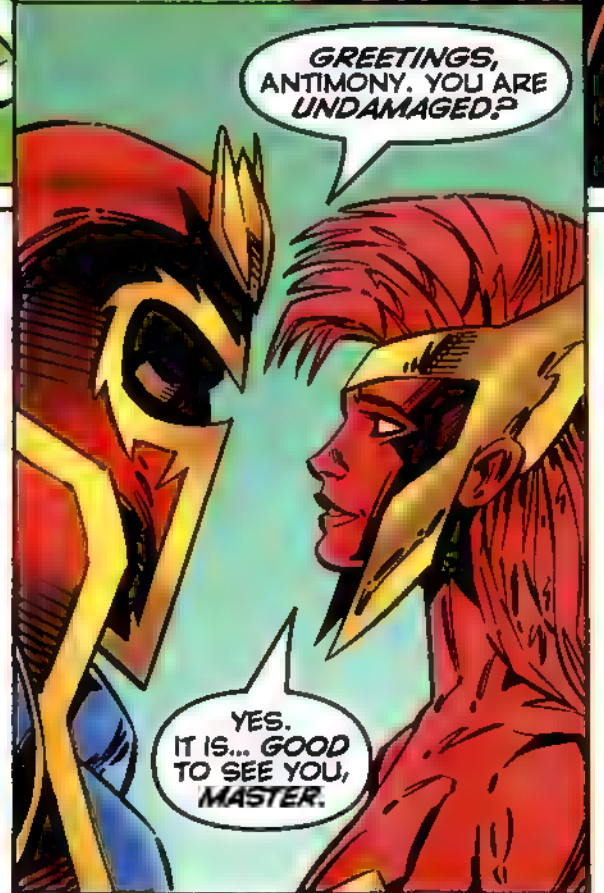
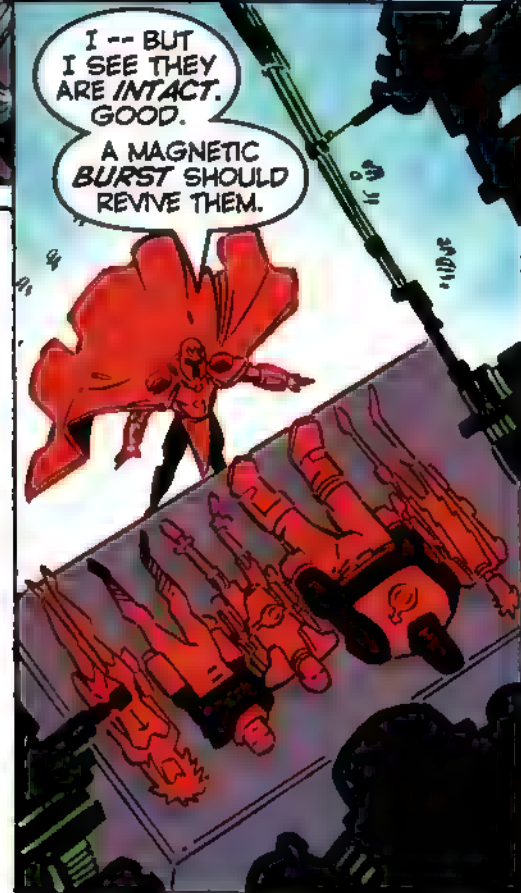
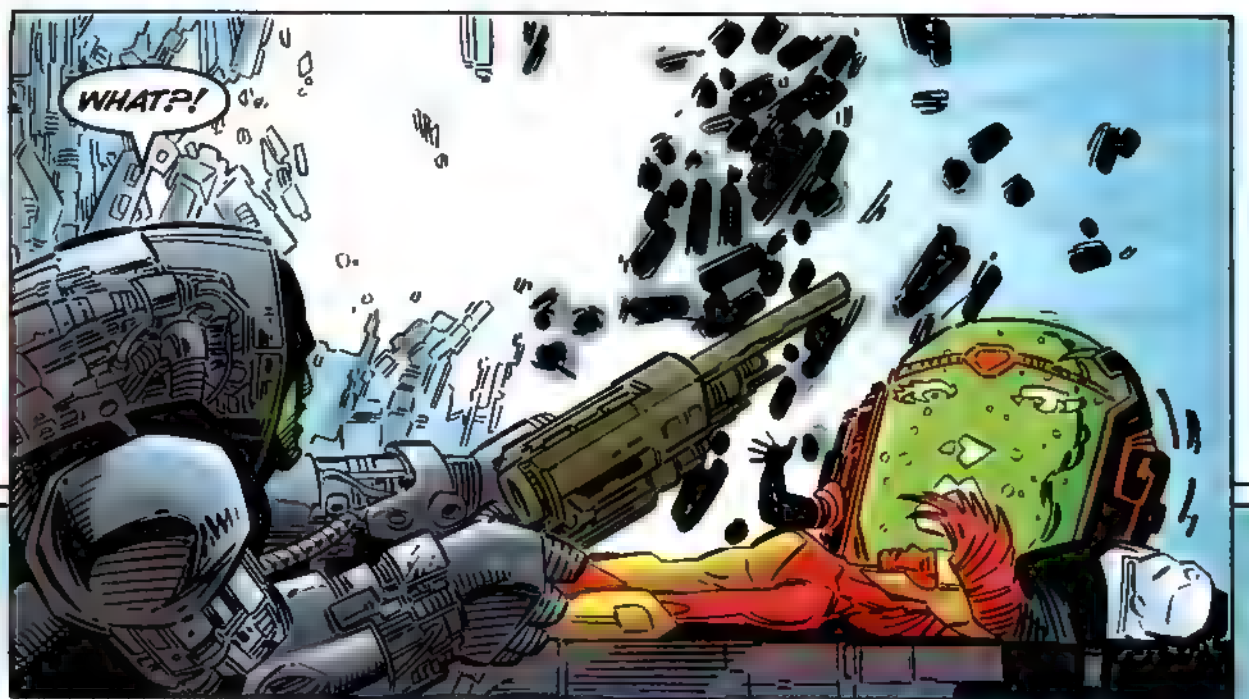
WHEN WE ARE
HUMAN, WE MUST
REMEMBER TO
GIVE THANKS AND
PRAISE BEFORE
WE SLAY HIM!

THE ASTONISHING
AND THE BOLD# 97



ALL
RIGHT. ENOUGH
FANTASIZING.

LET US
OPEN OUR
GIFTS.



YOU ARE
FREEP
ALL
RIGHT. NO
MATTER.



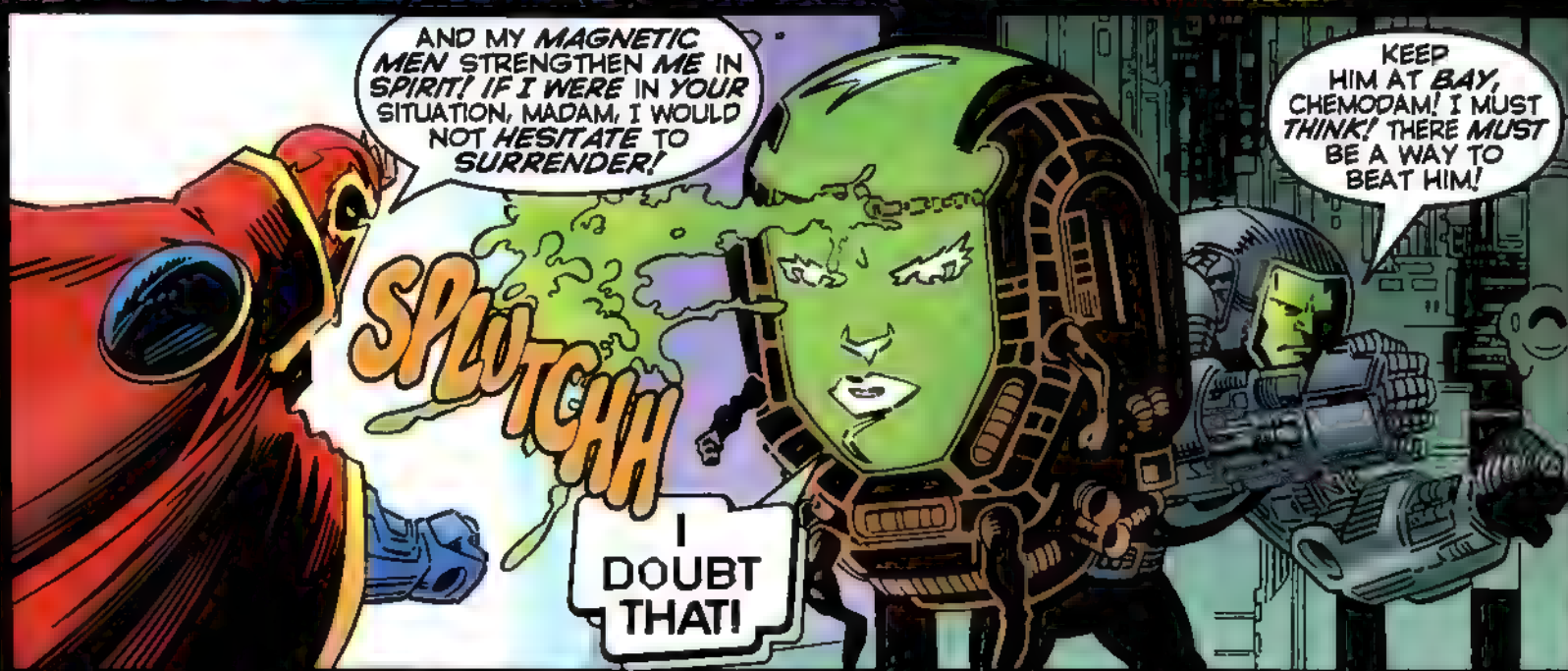
INDEED. WE
TROUGHED YOU
BEFORE...

... AND WE
WILL TROUGH
YOU AGAIN.

CORRECTION,
BUDGIE! YOU ONLY
"TROUGHED" THE
MAGNETIC
MEN!

THAT'S
RIGHT! NOW
YOU'RE UP
AGAINST --

MAGNETO
AND THE
MAGNETIC MEN



AMALGAM NATION

CARWALD'S CORNERBOX

Fun! That's the name of the game. Seems like everywhere you turn these days, there's somebody spoutin' off about the deficit of "fun" in his funnybooks.

To which we say, "Balderdash!"

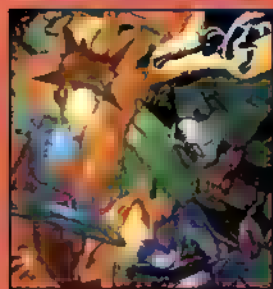
Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation seems to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Webrite yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

So have some fun today, Amalgamen and Amalgamettes. We are.

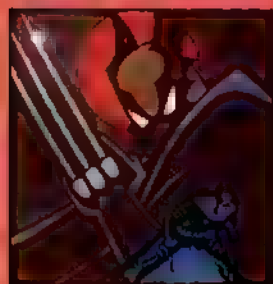
And remember, we remain ever dedicated to bringing you the finest in illustrated picto-literature! Because we know you demand no less! Accelerate!

— M.M. CARWALD

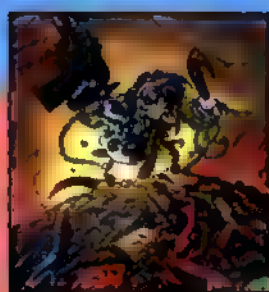


JLX UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the JLX lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone-born Fun Fang Flame! By Christopher "Maxi" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Haribal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disfigured renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of metamutant gunslingers: Skinhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution — all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Peerless" Peter Milligan, "Madam, I'm" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales



THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*! A deadly assassin called Lady Talia is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father, Ra's A-Pocalypse — namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



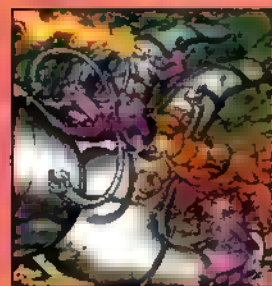
LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bevarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind — especially when the Lunatik-Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Semeks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing

BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him — Bat-Thing! Human no longer, the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink-or-swim" Sienkiewicz.



SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Waid, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jimmy" Palmiotti.

CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm: fearless agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.! Reed "Prof" Richards: dynamic science genius! Johnny "Red" Storm: daredevil youth! Ben "Rocky" Grimm: two-fisted U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing menaces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactiac? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kesel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother Lok D'Saad, while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But Lok has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanosaid! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.

IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by OA, the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern! But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandarinestro? By "Curt" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.

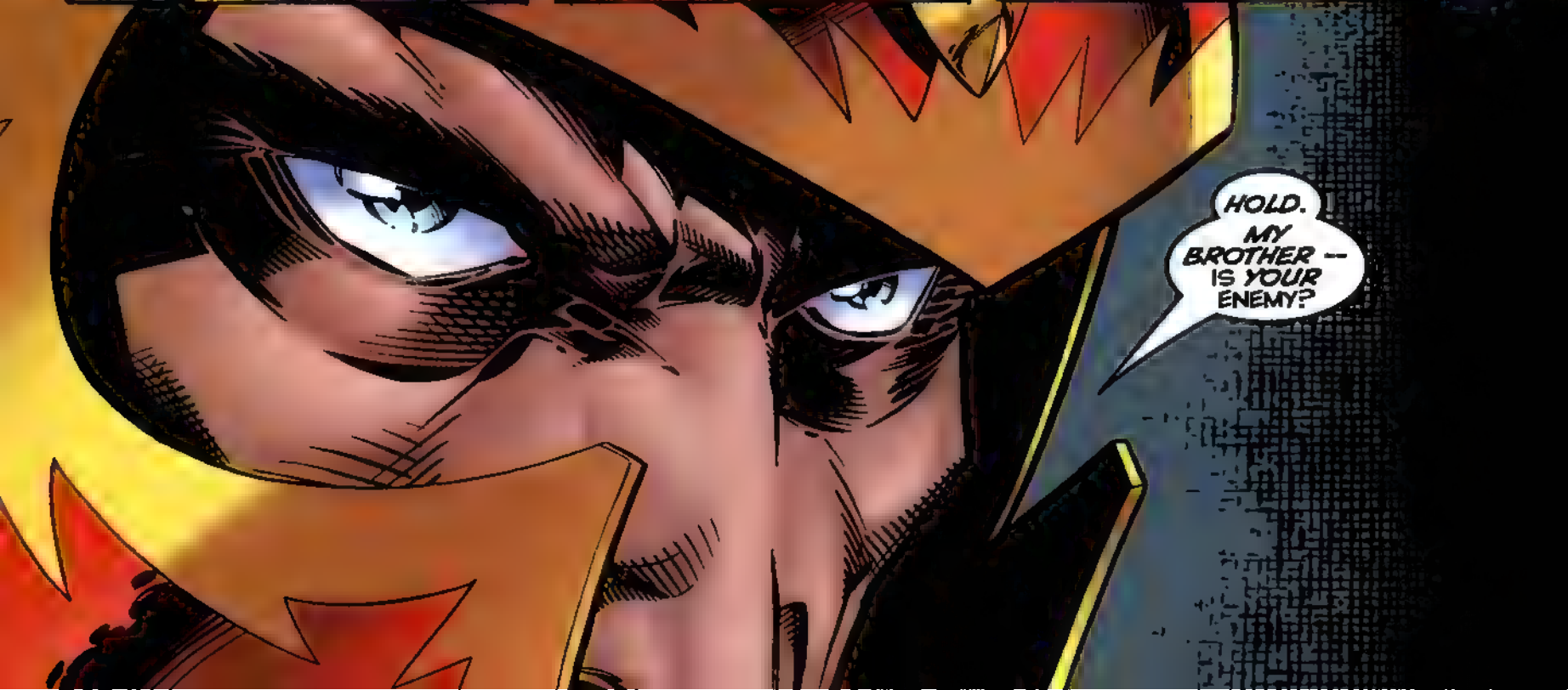
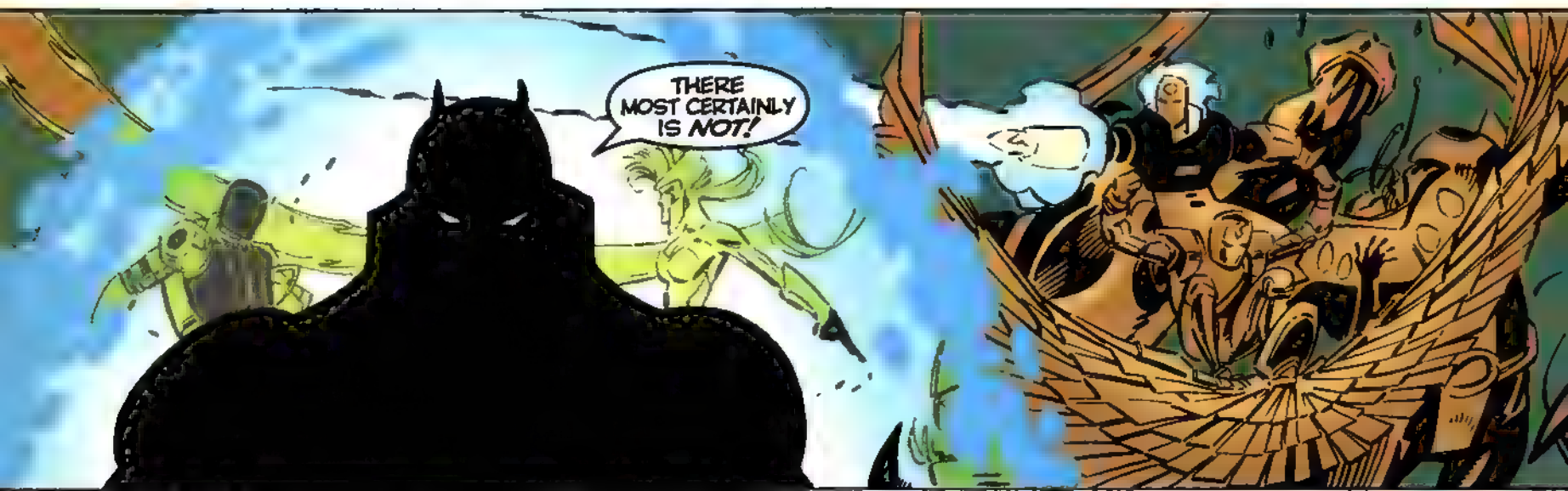


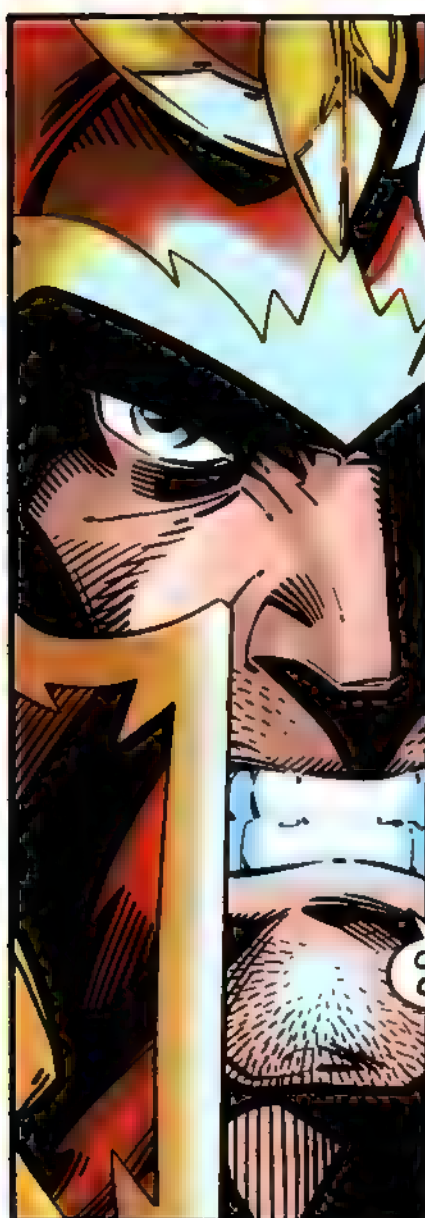
THE EXCITING X-PATROL #1: Niles Cable, Elastigirl, Shatterstarfire, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H.U.S.K.! They're back — and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive — can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kesel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.

SPIDER-BOY TEAM-UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kesel, Roger "Ramjet" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladronn, and "Say It Ain't So" Vlesco.



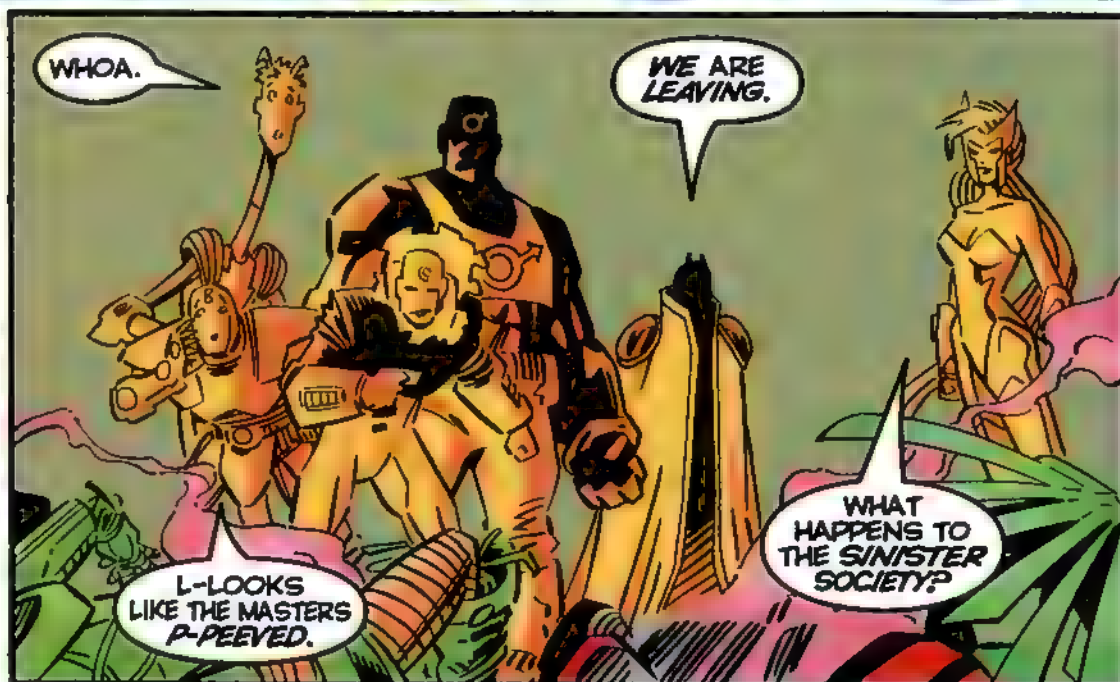
MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magnetic Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kutson and "Dancin'" Dan Panosian





Oh, my GOD.

LIKE YOU, I HAVE SERVED ONLY MY OWN!



Welcome to **MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO**, the latest in a proud line of Magneto-starring monthlies stretching all the way back to ol' kettle-head's 1962 debut (as the misunderstood freak man called MagneMorpho) in the classic, crumbling pages of **UNEXPECTED SUSPENSE #82!** We're swooning with rapturous ecstasy at the chance to start the whole crazy ride all over again, and we solemnly swear to bring you month after month of the most magnetic mags yet!

Now, on to the final batch of missives concerning our late, lamented parent publication, **MAGNETO AND THE MAGNETIC MEN** — but, just remember, **MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO** needs your letters, too!

Dear Magnetic-Heads,

I got this weird idea last night: "SPLIT COMICS!" In other words, what if you split each Amalgam character into two distinct heroes? For example: the SPLIT COMICS versions of SUPER-SOLDIER could be an ultra-powerful do-gooder called THE SUPER-MAN, and a flag-draped treason-buster called... I don't know... how about... SOLDIER AMERICA?!!

And that's not all! Maybe DR. STRANGEFATE could be TWO master magicians: the helmeted DR. STRANGE, and the amulet-wielding DR. FATE! Imagine those two having a big misunderstanding and ending up throwing all kinds of weird spells at each other!

Anyway, see how it works? I didn't bother "Splitting" the entire roster of mighty Amalgam super-stars, because I figured you'd want the fun of coming up with some of your own!

So why am I writing this to **MAGNETO & THE MAGNETIC MEN**? Because this fine title boasts the most complex, most "Splittable" superstar there is: Magneto himself! He could easily become MAGNET, a magnetic mutant leader, and O, a builder of robots!

Hope you like my brainstorm! You don't have to pay me anything unless you use it! I know, it probably seems like it's this really big idea that I had to think really hard to come up with, but it really just came to me in my sleep!

Carmine Ditko
Syracuse, NY

Stay awake, Carmine!

Seriously, though... we have mixed feelings about your idea. In some ways it strikes us as being awfully "last week" — yet, in others, it seems very "next week!" All we can say is, slick around. The Amalgaverse might go "splitville" sooner than you think!



THE MAGNETO METER

Dear Mark,

I just read M&MM #9. I'll bet Nickel's long-lost "dad" is a phony, and that he's really the Impossible Mod!

Stan Raspler
Hollywood, CA

You must have peeked, Stan! And here we thought we had ya! Oh well... we bet you didn't guess Detective Dinosaur would make the long trip back from comics limbo to uncover Impy's scam... 'cause if you did, we'd be crying!



Dear Tormentors,

By the time you read this, I'll be dead! Yesiree, AmalgaManiacs, this is a genuine, 100% sincere, no-baloney suicide note! But, you ask, why would someone so clever, so articulate stoop to taking his own life? Well, it's all your fault!

See, I faithfully collect **MAGNETO AND THE MAGNETIC MEN**, and now you've gone and cancelled it! When I heard that terrible news, I took a long, hard look at my life and honestly asked myself, "What else is there to live for?" and I honestly answered, "Nothing!"

So, goodbye cruel Amalgam — and here's hoping you feel pretty darned bad!

Jimmy Delano

New Northampton, New England
PS - Whoops! Just before I quaffed the poison, I heard about the upcoming **MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO** series! I take it all back! Amalgam is the greatest — and so is life!

You said a mouthful, Jimmy! But shame on you for believing even for an instant that we'd stand idly by while your whole life crumbled! After all, if you can't put all of your faith, trust and belief in a comic book company, then what good is anything?

Dear Mark,

I work as a translator at the League of United Nations. Recently, during a tense

session, I was assigned to assist the dictatorial head of a small but volatile nation. His speech was so confrontational, so uncompromising, that I began to fear it could easily provoke a miniature atomic war that would have consumed his country's region (and every Amalgamite knows that, as S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Bruce Wayne always says, a spark from even a "small" nuclear confrontation could easily engulf the entire world!) With the whole blamed planet at stake, what was a poor translator to do?

By a lucky coincidence, I had a copy of M&MM #7 on my lectern, open to the page where Bismuth debates the future of man and mutantkind with his captor, Will Magnus. Skimming the page, I realized that the plucky robot's plea for world peace and understanding perfectly fit the real-life situation the globe and I had found ourselves in! Slipping the dictator's prepared remarks underneath the comic, I took a chance and read Bismuth's word balloons to the attentive audience of world leaders and diplomats — and they all lapped it up! War was averted — and the General Assembly gave the puzzled dictator the longest standing ovation in U.N. history! Heck, a few prime ministers whose names you'd probably recognize came up to me when it was over! They totally accepted the tyrant's instant change of heart but wanted to know why he was suddenly stuttering!

Anyway, I just thought you Amalgamiacs ought to know that, while your heroes are constantly busy saving your fictional universe, they're also pitching in and keeping the real world turning! Keep up the Amalgarrific work!

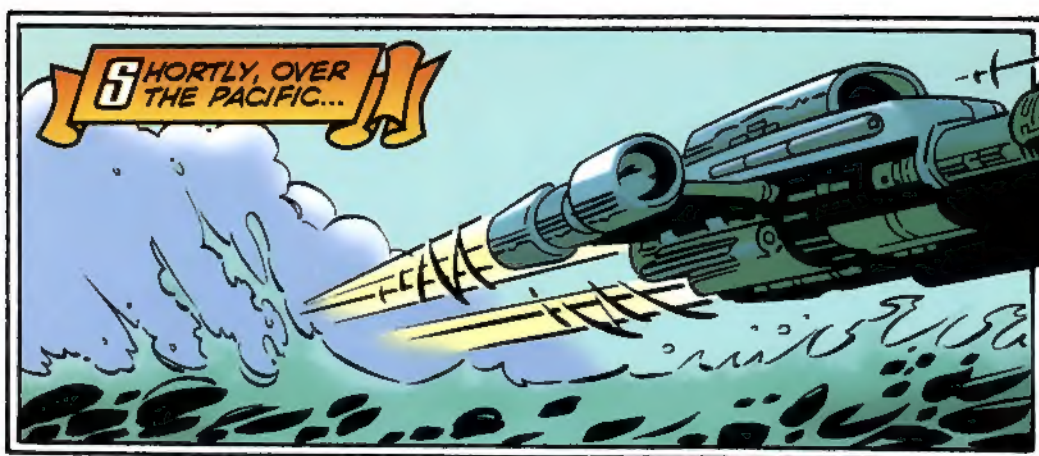
Johnny Babel
New York, NY

Thanks for saving the world, Johnny! You've done more than anyone we know to ensure that Amalgams will flow unabated for generations to come! Just for that, we'll send you one of those big, puffy envelopes stuffed with free mags! We'll also toss in some extra merchandise as your reward for recognizing that, along with our trademark thrills, chills, chuckles and spills, Amalgam Comics serve up a healthy dose of that unstoppable force men call — The Truth!



NEXT: The MMs awaken in the human identities they thought they'd abandoned, only to find that now they really ARE human! What's more, everyone else on earth — including Magneto himself — is now a robot! Peyer, Kitson bring you more mystery, more magnetism, more mutations, and, mainly, more mechanical men, in merely one month!





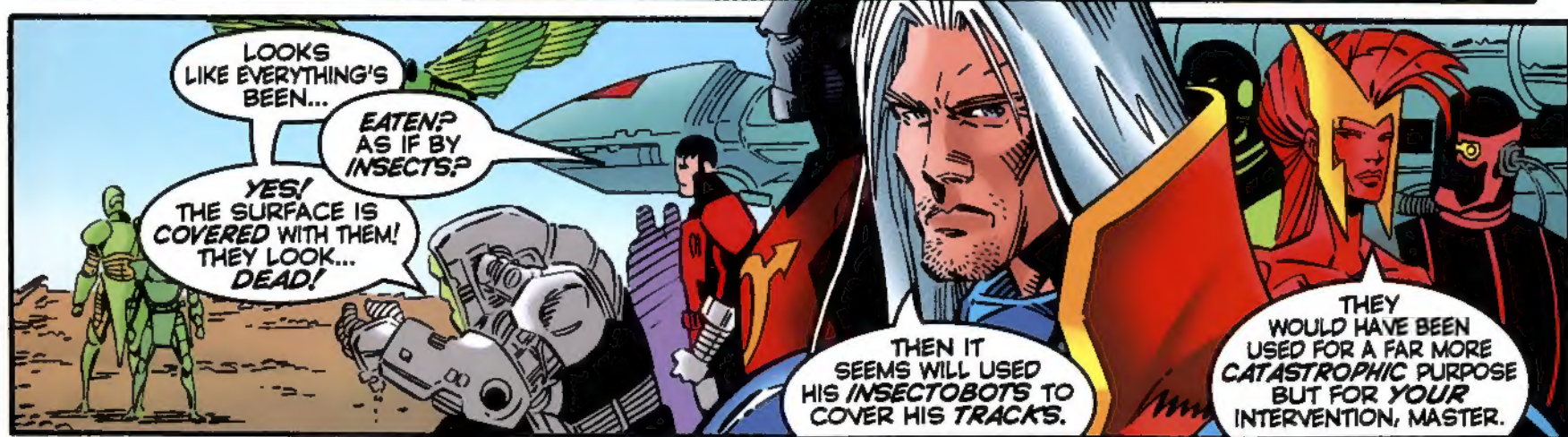
6 SHORTLY, OVER
THE PACIFIC...

WE ARE
APPROACHING
KRAKOA. BEWARE OF
MY BROTHER'S **ARSENAL**...
AND OF THE
OMNIVOROUS ISLE
ITSELF!



Uhhh...
BOSS? THAT
DON'T SEEM LIKE A
LIVING ISLAND OF
DINOSAURS TO
ME!

NO,
IRON,
IT DOES
NOT.



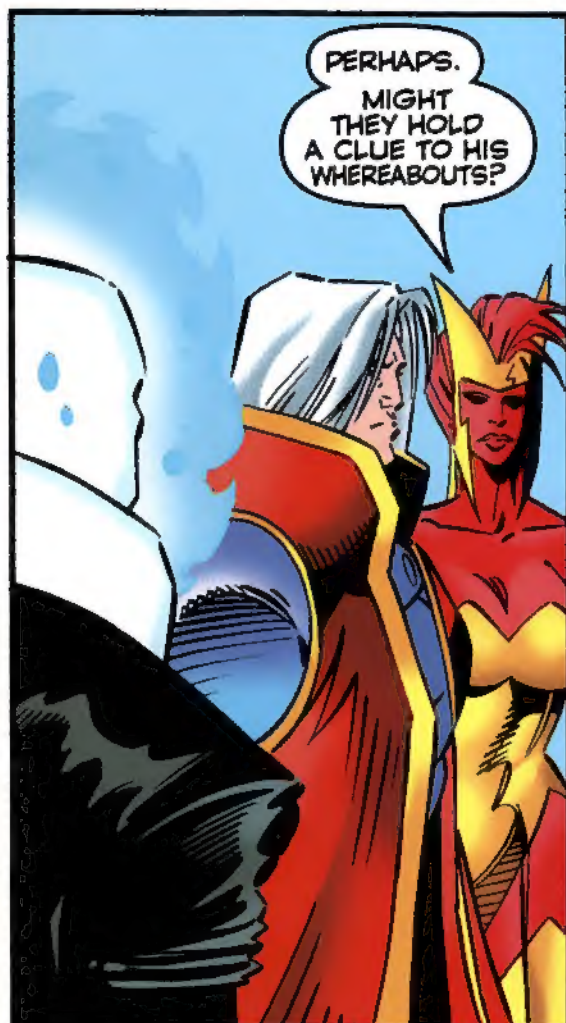
LOOKS
LIKE EVERYTHING'S
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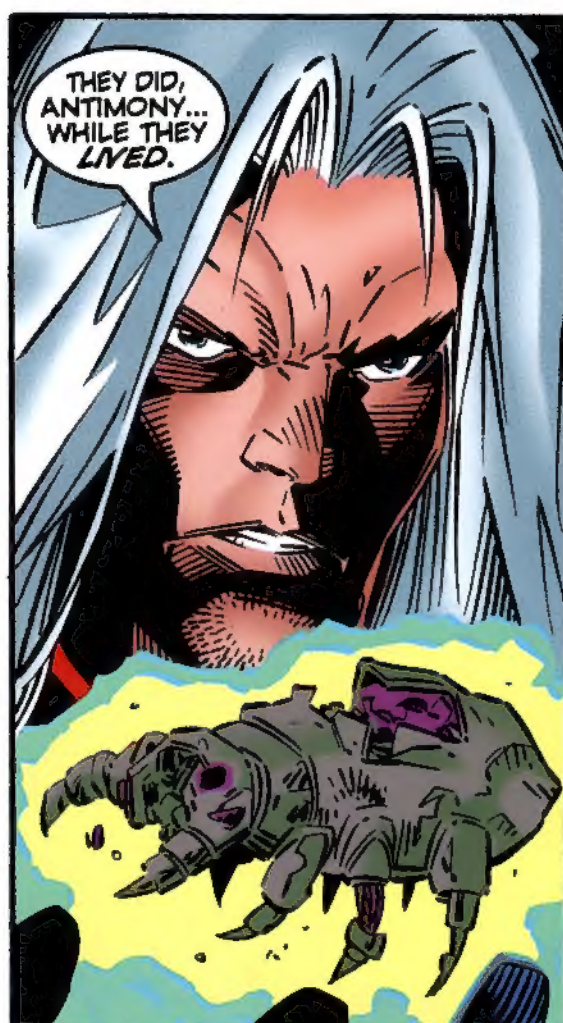
YES!
THE SURFACE IS
COVERED WITH THEM!
THEY LOOK...
DEAD!

THEN IT
SEEMS WILL USED
HIS **INSECTOBOTS** TO
COVER HIS **TRACKS**.

THEY
WOULD HAVE BEEN
USED FOR A FAR MORE
CATASTROPHIC PURPOSE
BUT FOR YOUR
INTERVENTION, MASTER.



PERHAPS.
MIGHT
THEY HOLD
A CLUE TO HIS
WHEREABOUTS?



THEY DID,
ANTIMONY...
WHILE THEY
LIVED.



THEN -- IT'S
HOPELESS?

WE
LOST?



NO, DEAR FRIENDS!
WHEN THE OPPRESSED UNITE --
MUTANTS, HUMANS AND ROBOTS -- IT IS NEVER
HOPELESS!
AND WE WILL NEVER LOSE!

NEXT:
**Detective
Dinosaur**

MINUTEmen

Syl3nt Bob

